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- (X) Specification in 126 pages.
- (X) Twenty-five (25) sheets of drawings.
- (X) Appendix A in 27 pages.
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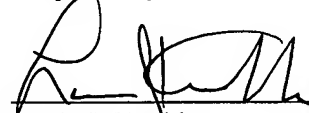
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